

Finmere Village Hall Management and Finmere Playing Fields Committee

Trustees report for 2015

Charity name : Finmere Village Hall

Charity registration number : 281492

Village Hall & Playing Fields Address: Finmere Village Hall, Water Stratford Road, Finmere, Mk18 4AT

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Website: www.finmerpc.org/villagehall

Trustees / Management committee:

Illa Moss – Chair

Phillip Rushforth – Finance and bookings secretary

Paul Nash – Secretary

Pat White

Steve Trice

Alan Jones

Trevor Jones

Type of governing document: Constitution (February, 1981)

Objectives: The Village Hall is for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Finmere in the county of Oxfordshire without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants. The objectives of the management & Trustees committee is 'to manage the structure and assets of the Finmere village hall and playing field'.

Trustee / Management committee selection: Annual General Meeting normally scheduled for January each year.

Organisation structure: The management committee, elected annually, operates on behalf of the Finmere Parish Council, who are the owners of a majority part of the lands upon which the village hall and playing fields are located. All committee members give their services to the committee on a voluntary basis and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Activities undertaken throughout 2015: The management committee continued with the day to day management of the hall, playing fields and facilities during the year. In addition to this, directly as a result of Land Fill tax grants, received from [OPES Industries](#) via [Grantscape](#), planned, managed and completed additional phases of the refurbishment plans. In addition to refurbishment changes made in the previous year (2014) the management team planned and completed the enlargement and re-laying of the surface of the hall car

Trees have also been pruned in the vicinity of the children's play area. Inspection of the play area has also been scheduled by the committee and undertaken by an approved inspector.

Throughout the year, the hall and playing field were used regularly by a variety of clubs, societies, and the Parish Council. A number of Village meetings also took place and the hall has additionally been used by villagers for social gatherings and meetings. In addition, the annual Finmere Festival took place in the playing field and hall, with a contribution from the proceeds made towards a long term plan for refurbishment of the children's play area. During the year, the management committee purchased and laid, at the expense of the Parish Council, additional bark for the play area.

As well as receiving grant funds from Land Fill taxes, the management committee sought to raise funds through other activities, the most successful of which was the (now) annual Quiz & Curry night. This event is becoming increasingly popular and the hall was filled to capacity.

The management committee meet on a regular basis and minutes of all meetings are compiled and circulated to all committee members and are available upon request, to relevant interested parties

At the Parish Council 'annual parish meeting', an annual report from the chair of the hall & playing fields management committee was presented to the meeting. The report can be viewed in the minutes of that APM, available on the Parish Council website

Financial review: Principle sources of funds for day to day operational and maintenance expenses are derived from hall letting fees. As already mentioned, the charity has been the recipient of a number of grants, primarily based upon rebates of Landfill taxes, paid by OPES Industries and courtesy of OPES, administrated by Grantscape. On each occasion of the receipt of a grant, the hall has paid a sum equating to 11% of the grant sum (known as the CTP) to OPES.

Accounts & Balance sheets for year ended 30th. September 2015 have been subject to audit, have been presented to all management committee members and are available upon request to relevant interested parties.

Future plans: The management committee continue to seek sources of funds in order to maintain the fabric of the hall, to upgrade existing facilities and plan further additional facilities.

Whilst the hall and playing fields are maintained primarily for the use of local villagers, it is hoped that the completion of the refurbishment process will now enable the facilities of the hall to be more widely marketed, increasing income and leading to further development of the facilities offered.

Declaration:

The trustees and management declare that they have approved this report

Signed:

Position: